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Dear Democratic Colleague:

As Chair of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, I understand the importance of passing legislation that will make much needed investments in our nation's infrastructure, and I am committed to making that happen.

But President Biden's Build Back Better Agenda is not just about fixing our nation's crumbling infrastructure, it's also about strengthening the economy, creating jobs, and helping Americans afford the rising cost of living by expanding the Biden Child Tax Credit, childcare, paid family and medical leave, universal pre-K, workforce development, education, climate programs, housing, and other initiatives. These critical investments will not be possible without passage of a budget resolution.

Furthermore, passage of a budget resolution gives House Democrats the opportunity to make sure we are not just investing in infrastructure, but also reducing carbon emissions from surface transportation, aviation and ports, restoring transit funding, reconnecting neighborhoods, robustly funding high-speed rail, and ensuring climate-resilient and affordable investments in our crumbling wastewater infrastructure.

For those who are worried about delay, my goal is to pass the bipartisan infrastructure package before October 1, when current surface transportation programs expire, and the bipartisan infrastructure package would go into effect. But it will take all Democrats working together to do that.

Ensuring a bicameral reconciliation process, with true input from the House prior to the passage of the bipartisan infrastructure legislation, is essential to advancing critical Democratic priorities on infrastructure and so much more. That's why I'm asking all members of the House Democratic Caucus to work together and take the first step—enacting a budget resolution this week. Any delay on the budget resolution puts enactment of our shared priorities at risk.

Sincerely,

PETER A. DeFAZIO  
Chair